

New Charge Filed Against Suspect

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A man already in custody for allegedly attempting to kill his estranged wife also faces a murder indictment today after the body of a friend of his wife was found in the backyard of a North Oakland home yesterday.

The dead man, Larry Frank Jones, 31, of 2938 68th Ave., was found shot in the back at the rear of 6111 Colby St., about 11 a.m.

Last night homicide investigators Sgts. Rich Brierly and Lou Clark said they would charge the suspect, Jimmie Lee Trammell, 25, no address, with murder and attempted murder today. He is being held without bail.

Clark and Brierly said Jones had gone to San Jose Saturday with Ruth Trammell, 29, of 6107 Colby St., the estranged wife of the suspect. They made the trip in Mrs. Trammell's car and returned to Oakland about 3:45 a.m. Sunday morning.

She dropped Jones off at his home. Because she reportedly has been threatened in the past by the suspect, Clark and Brierly said, she asked Jones to follow her home in another car.

He did, and parked on the

street while Mrs. Trammell pulled into her driveway. But as she was leaving her car, Brierly and Clark said, the suspect pulled up in his vehicle and blocked the driveway.

With a drawn gun Trammell told Jones to freeze, Brierly and Clark said. Then, Mrs. Trammell reported hearing shots fired. She said her husband came up the driveway at her, the gun still in his hand.

She armed herself with a gun she keeps in her car and the couple exchanged shots, neither hitting the other. Trammell then fled, yelling more threats, Brierly and Clark said.

Unknown to anyone at the time, Jones, mortally wounded in the back, had run to the rear of 6111 Colby, next door to Mrs. Trammell's home and collapsed.

While officers were talking to Mrs. Trammell, her husband drove by again. Police pursued him and arrested him for investigation of attempted murder.

He was still in custody when Jones' body was discovered. The additional count was added, along with the no bail order.